

# The Democrat.

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CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI.

The cabinet, at its meetings, on the 6th, gave special consideration to the administration of affairs in Cuba.

The Oregon legislature convened at Salem on the 9th. Both houses were organized at the special session in October last, and it is probable that organization will be continued.

Miss Sophie Dallas, daughter of George M. Dallas, who was vice-president of the United States under President Polk, died in Philadelphia, on the 5th, at her seventy-sixth year.

B. F. Fifield, in an interview, on the 5th, said that he had not accepted the appointment as senator, and would not give his answer to Gov. Smith's offer until he had fully considered it.

In well-informed quarters in Paris it is regarded as probable that France and Great Britain will reach an agreement on the Newfoundland shore question which will be satisfactory to Great Britain.

A report comes from Eagle City, Alaska, that there is no truth in the story that the miners had lynched Jack Jolly. Jolly, the report says, was formerly city marshal of Eagle City, and was well liked.

The navy department has decided to allow the naval station at Guam a full brass band, and the equipment bureau has been authorized to procure the instruments and ship them on the Yosemite when she starts for the island.

It was announced, on the 5th, that George A. Armour, of the class of '77, had given \$10,000 to Princeton university to found a classical library. For the next three years he will give \$2,000 annually for the further support of the department. Mr. Armour went to Princeton from Chicago in 1894.

Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department says there is no doubt that the discussion of the allegations made to the quality of the beef furnished to the army will give a setback to the negotiations that have been making for years for removal of European restrictions on our products.

Madame Teresa Carreno, the famous pianist, arrived at New York on the 6th, from Bremen, on the 6th. She will make her first appearance this season in Boston as soloist with the Boston symphony, with which organization she will make a week's tour including the principal eastern cities.

On the 9th Gov. Brady of Alaska was before the house committee on the revision of laws in reference to the liquor restrictions feature of the new code of laws for Alaska. He strongly approves the course of the committee in substituting high license for prohibition, and says the prohibition law can not be enforced.

According to the statements of people who have arrived at Hong Kong from the island of Balaban, south of the island of Palawan, there is no truth in the report that the Spaniards there had been massacred by the Filipinos. They say the story is an invention of priests to prejudice the Filipino cause.

Frederick Silberg, one of the most famous knights of Pythias in the country, died at his home in Cleveland, O., on the 8th. Silberg was six feet five inches tall and weighed 310 pounds. He was one of the axmen known as "The Big Five," and he had for years led the parade at the national encampment.

On the ninety-first ballot the deadlock in the Delaware house of representatives was broken. Theodore F. Clark, regular republican, was elected speaker, receiving 18 votes to 13 for Wm. Sharp, the candidate of the Adickes republicans. Ten of the 12 democratic members of the house voted for Clark, and thus secured his election.

Alexander Bradford Upshaw died, on the 8th, at his home in New York city, aged 48 years. He was a native of Holly Springs, Mass.; had been connected with the Nashville American; was appointed commissioner of Indian affairs in 1889 by Secretary Lamar, and was afterward Calvin S. Brier's political and business manager in Ohio.

The correspondence, published officially, on the 6th, in connection with the peace treaty contains much of interest from Consul Williams, who was stationed at Manila, prior to the war. He was in constant communication with Aguinaldo for some time after the battle of Manila bay, and his letters throw much light upon the relations with the Philippine chieftain.

The Divide Cattle-Growers' Protective association, with headquarters at Eastonville, Col., has been organized. The object of the association is to protect stock from increasing depredations of gray wolves and coyotes, by offering suitable bounties for scalps. The pests have destroyed considerable stock this winter, in spite of Russian bloodhounds, trappers and hunters.

Gracie File, seven years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch File, of Kansas City, Kas., has won her suit against that city. On June 25, 1895, while playing in the street in front of her home, the child took hold of a live electric light wire, which was dangling from a pole in the street, and received a shock that almost killed her, and as a result of which she is now a cripple. The court allowed her \$2,600.

## JANUARY—1899.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

#### FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

(Second Session.)

In the senate, on the 5th, little business of interest was transacted. A resolution, offered by Mr. Hoar (Mass.), directing the committee on foreign relations to report to the senate whether the treaty of Paris makes any provision for the claims of citizens of the United States against Spain, which were in existence before the present war, and the status of such claims after the ratification of the treaty, was adopted. In the house quite a number of bills of minor importance, reported from the judiciary committee, were passed. The remainder of the day was occupied in continuing the consideration, on motion, the appropriation for the civil service commission was stricken out.

In the senate, on the 6th, a resolution was adopted in secret session calling on the president for information as to instructions to the commissioners who negotiated the treaty of Paris, etc. Mr. Caffery spoke in favor of the resolution. Mr. Hoar (Mass.) announced the acceptance of a modified form of amendment to the Nicaragua bill. In the house, in committee of the whole, the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill being under discussion, on motion, the appropriation for the civil service commission was stricken out.

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#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The third part of Prince Bismarck's memoirs, dealing fully with his resignation of the chancellorship, has been printed.

The navy department has received another request from Admiral Dwyer for light-draught gunboats. They will be sent him as soon as possible.

Minister Coger again protested against the granting of France's demand for the extension of territory at Shanghai, and the Peking government has decided to refuse to yield to France.

England has replied to the ear cordially indorsing the proposed peace conference, and asking under what heads the discussion is to be conducted.

The secretary of war has directed that the camp at Knoxville, Tenn., be broken up and that the Thirty-first Michigan and all other troops now there be sent by rail to Savannah with a view to their transportation to Santa Clara, Cuba.

The rainfall of 7.20 inches in the 26 hours ending at 8 a. m. of the 6th, at Vicksburg, Miss., was the most remarkable in the history of the Vicksburg weather bureau. It caused serious damage and delayed trains on the railways. The track of the Alabama & Vicksburg road between Bolton and Baker creek, 22 miles east of Vicksburg, was under water to the depth of 6 feet.

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Ex-confederates in Florida have succeeded the resolutions of the Arkansas post by adopting similar ones against the granting of pensions to ex-confederates.

A special from Montpelier, Vt., says: Gov. Smith has tendered the place in the United States senate left vacant by the death of Senator Morrill to B. F. Fifield, of this city.

A big boiler being tested in Hewitt's ship-building yards at Barking, England, burst, on the 6th, and the superintendent, engineer and eight men were killed. About forty persons were injured, some fatally.

On the 6th anti-expansionists were successful in the senate in passing Senator Hoar's resolution calling upon the president to submit to that body the instructions given by him to the Paris peace commissioners.

At Pemberville, O., by an explosion of gasoline, the hardware store of Kiel & Son was badly wrecked, and Augustus Keil, the junior partner, so badly injured that he died in an hour. His right arm was blown off, and the right side of his face torn off. Mr. Keil was a leading citizen and former mayor of the village.

Jamesville, Wis., lays claim to a man who has not partaken of a bite of nourishment for 35 days. He is A. D. Hendrickson, for 16 years superintendent of the state industrial school, and he is suffering as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

Raifer Decker, colored, who murdered his wife near Tottenville, Staten Island, N. J., last March, was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison, on the 9th. Gov. Roosevelt having refused to interfere in his behalf.

Mrs. Florence Ritchie, a member of a theatrical company, playing at the Broadway theater, Denver, Col., fainted while taking a bath at the Albert hotel and was drowned.

Senator Caffery, on the 6th addressed the senate in support of Senator Vest's anti-expansion resolution. He made a constitutional argument.

By a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Lehigh Valley railroad at West Dunellen, N. J., on the 9th, 13 persons were killed and over 25 were injured. A freight wreck which had occurred some time before, on the east-bound tracked forced east-bound trains to make the distance between switches, six miles, on the west-bound track. A train dispatcher's blunder did the rest.

The safe containing \$11,500, which Chad Stowell, inmate of the Hutchinson (Kas.) reformatory, in a confession made on the 7th, said he helped take in the Missouri Pacific train robbery at Leeds, in September, and buried near Galatin, was not found by Chief Strauss and Sheriff Cook of Topeka, after diligent search.

The Twelfth regular infantry—the legions of El Caney, will soon leave Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for the Philippines.

#### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In the senate, on the 10th, Mr. Mason (rep., Ill.) delivered his speech in support of his resolution that the United States will never attempt to govern the people of any country without their consent. It was a forceful effort and commanded the undivided attention of chamber and galleries from beginning to end, and was frequently applauded.

Mr. Turley (Tenn.) spoke in opposition to the Nicaragua canal bill. An agreement was reached to consider the bill, on the 17th, with 15-minute speeches. In the house the entire day was devoted to the bill for the codification of the criminal laws of Alaska, and all but ten pages of the bill was disposed of.

The United States transport Mississippi, which sailed from Santiago on the evening of January 3, arrived at New York on the 10th. On board were: Gen. Wood, military governor of Santiago, and Lieut. Hanna, aide de camp; Dr. Castillo, a brother of the Cuban general, and Col. Gibson, who superintended the distribution of provisions to the starving Cubans.

St. Louis, the Imperial Queen of the Mississippi valley, will get the big fair that is designed to commemorate the magnificent Louisiana purchase 100 years after the fact. This was practically the unanimous voice of the delegates to the Louisiana purchase convention held in that city, beginning on the 10th.

On the 10th the senate committee on naval affairs agreed to report favorably the bill for the promotion of naval officers who participated in the war with Spain over others who are their seniors. The list includes Admirals Sampson and Schley, and a long list of other officers.

The anti-Dreyfusites in Paris are doing everything possible to discredit the court of assizes, as it is generally accepted in the best-informed circles that the court is preparing to render judgment in favor of Dreyfus. John Henry Cabot Lodge was re-elected United States senator by the Massachusetts legislature in joint convention assembled on the 10th. The choice was made by acclamation.

The Canadian Pacific railway earnings for the week ending January 7 were \$422,000; same period last year, \$401,000; increase, \$21,000.

The French chamber of deputies opened, on the 10th, and the Palais Bourbon, where the chamber of deputies sits, was crowded.

#### CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

The president is preparing to appoint commissioners to the St. Petersburg peace conference.

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Considerable excitement has been created by the finding of gold in the western portion of Dearborn county, Indiana.

The steamer New England arrived at Vancouver, B. C., with 150,000 pounds of halibut, caught off Queen Charlotte island. It is a record catch.

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It is said that the negotiations between England and France regarding the Newfoundland shore are nearing a successful consummation in England's favor.

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The town of Pullman—church, hall, market house, library and 2,000 brick residences—will be sold to the highest bidder. The place will cease to be a town, and will be added to Chicago.

A report comes from Eagle City, Alaska, that there is no truth in the story that the miners had lynched Jack Jolly. Jolly, the report says, was formerly city marshal of Eagle City, and was well liked.

Milton Remley, attorney-general for Iowa, refused to pay the 50-cent war revenue tax on his official bond. He holds that the federal government has no right to tax a state officer, and purposes to make a test case.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

St. Clair County Judges Released. Thomas Nevitt and Thomas Gill, judges of the St. Clair county court, have been released from the county jail at Kansas City, on the order of Judge Phillips, of the United States circuit court. They were committed June 11, 1897, for contempt of Judge Phillips in refusing to vote for a bond issue, in the sum of \$400,000, the proceeds to be used in the payment of the bonds issued 25 years ago in aid of the Tebo & Neosho railroad which was never built, notwithstanding the fact that the bonds were issued and disposed of. They were released because of the expiration of their terms of office. Judge Lyon, who was committed to jail at the same time Judge Nevitt and Gill were, was released shortly after on his expression of willingness to vote for the bond issue, but as a majority of the judges remained in jail, the bonds were not voted. Judge Nevitt had served a term in the Kansas City jail for the same offense once before.

Struck a Boulder and Was Wrecked. Omaha express train No. 10, east-bound, on the Missouri Pacific, was wrecked at Coon creek, a mile and a half west of Jefferson City, the other morning. The train was running at full speed, when a big boulder rolled down from the high bluff above the track directly in front of the engine. The engine went down a 20-foot embankment, rolling over and over. Engineer Charles Clawson and Fireman William Zoll were killed. The cars all left the rails except the last sleeper. They swung in toward the bluff instead of going over the embankment, and it was due to this fact that there was no loss of life among the passengers. The impact of the cars against the rock wall of the bluff shattered them, and the passengers were severely shaken up.

Treasurer Pitt's Report. State Treasurer Pitt has filed with Gov. Stephens his monthly report for December, 1898; also his annual report for the year 1898. The December report shows the following: Balance on hand November 30, \$631,688.25; receipts during the month, \$162,756.34; disbursements, \$772,535.14; balance on hand December 31, \$897,109.45. The annual report shows the following: Balance on hand December 31, 1897, \$649,000.19; receipts during the year 1898, \$5,889,547.21; disbursements during 1898, \$5,641,453.92; balance on hand December 31, 1898, \$897,109.45.

Pardoned by Gov. Stephens. Gov. Stephens has pardoned Tina Jackson, who was convicted at the June term of the criminal court of Buchanan county of homicide and sentenced to nine months in the county jail. The petitioners for her release set out that she stabbed her husband in the arm with a small penknife while resisting ill-treatment at his hands; that the wound touched a small artery, and that he died from lack of proper attention. Congressman C. F. Cochrane, who was one of the petitioners, urged that she should never have been convicted, and that she was more than sufficiently punished.

A Plucky Woman. Early the other morning a burglar visited the residence of Henry Fenner in Carthage. He was masked and could not be identified, but in his search for booty he awakened Mrs. Fenner, who watched him as he secured her husband's purse containing \$20. As he departed she secured her husband's revolver, and pursuing the thief called upon him to drop his booty. Hearing the revolver click and seeing her determined look he dropped the money and jumped through a window, carrying the sack with him. Mrs. Fenner says she could identify the man.

Suddenly Lost His Reason. W. M. Arnold, a young man of Bunceport, Cooper county, suddenly lost his reason at Sedalia, so on from that city says, and developed a mania for taking snap shots of people with a kodak. He was taken home by his father, but it is believed he will have to be committed to the asylum.

Accidentally Shot Himself. Robert Irons, for many years a leading business man of Nevada, shot himself accidentally with a 28-caliber revolver. The ball entered his head just over the right eye, and the physicians were doubtful of his recovery.

Used a Pocketknife. Near Maryville, Frank Hawkins attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a pocketknife. Hawkins has been partially deranged mentally for some time. His wounds will prove fatal.

A Small Embezzler. Fred Elliott, of Graham, is in the Nodaway county jail, charged with having embezzled \$5 from his employer, James Adkins, in whose store Graham was employed.

Wheat and Oats Crop Unsatisfactory. The state grain inspector in his annual report states that the quantity and quality of the wheat and oats crop in this state was unsatisfactory.

An Old Resident of Saline. Mrs. Caroline V. McKown, one of the oldest residents of Saline county, died at her home in Marshall, recently, of pneumonia, at the age of 76 years.

Slaughterhouse Burned. The slaughterhouse of Fred Stohr, including the cooling machinery, located west of Hannibal, was burned. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$7,600.

Train Robbery in Wright County. A Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis express train was held up by robbers at Macomb, Wright county, and the through express safe looted.

## THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings of the Fortieth General Assembly. JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 5.—The Fortieth general assembly of Missouri met yesterday. The following temporary officers were announced: Chairman, Rev. J. F. Hendy, of Jefferson City; Secretary, R. P. Thompson, of Barry; Assistant secretary, T. H. Wagoner, of Jefferson; Finance clerk, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Journal clerk, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Sergeant-at-arms, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Marshal, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Doorkeeper, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Librarian, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Chaplain, Rev. J. F. Hendy, of Jefferson City. The new senators were sworn in by Judge Gantt, of the supreme court. Leaves of absence were granted Senators Drabell and Martin, of St. Louis, and Senator Hohenfeld, of Phelps, because of illness. A resolution, presented by Senator Major, of Pike, was adopted, providing that the rules of the thirty-ninth general assembly should govern the deliberations of the fortieth, except in so far as they relate to the formation of committees. House.—The galleries were crowded with spectators, including many ladies in fashionable attire, when Secretary Yolt presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. F. Hendy. The following temporary officers were announced: Chairman, Rev. J. F. Hendy, of Jefferson City; Secretary, R. P. Thompson, of Barry; Assistant secretary, T. H. Wagoner, of Jefferson; Finance clerk, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Journal clerk, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Sergeant-at-arms, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Marshal, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Doorkeeper, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Librarian, J. G. Leslie, of St. Louis; Chaplain, Rev. J. F. Hendy, of Jefferson City. The new senators were sworn in by Judge Gantt, of the supreme court. Leaves of absence were granted Senators Drabell and Martin, of St. Louis, and Senator Hohenfeld, of Phelps, because of illness. A resolution, presented by Senator Major, of Pike, was adopted, providing that the rules of the thirty-ninth general assembly should govern the deliberations of the fortieth, except in so far as they relate to the formation of committees.

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## JOHN KENNEDY IN LIMBO.

The Off-Suspected Train Robber, Under Indictment for Murder, Arrested in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 11.—John Kennedy, often suspected of train robbery, and twice tried for that offense, and now under indictment for the murder of Emma Schumacher, a grocery woman, whose store he helped to rob, was arrested in this city yesterday, charged with complicity in the robbery of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis passenger train which was held up near Macomb, Mo., last Tuesday night. Kennedy's arrest occurred two hours after a detective agency had flooded the town with handbills offering \$500 for his arrest. The reward was offered jointly by the railroad company and the Southern Express company, whose through safe was dynamited by the robbers.

Kennedy had just returned to the city, and his lawyers claim he had been to Texas to place a mortgage on his farm there. The police say he came to see a woman to whom he was engaged.

Five men are now under arrest at Mansfield, Mo., for complicity in the Macomb robbery, and the officers say three of them have confessed, and their confessions told that Kennedy was the organizer and leader of the robbery.

One of these men, known as Jennings, is believed by the officers to be the old-time train robber Bill Ryan, who was a member of the famous gang of outlaws led by Jesse and Frank James.

At Mansfield yesterday a roll of bills amounting to \$284 was found sewed in Jennings' clothes.

Another of the robbers, Elmer Hyrum, told the Mansfield officers yesterday where they could find \$500 in money and two watches which the robbers hid, and the booty was recovered.

Kennedy was out on bond in the Schumacher murder case. He was twice tried for leading the Alton robbery at Blue Cut, near here, in 1896, when \$32,000 was secured. The first jury disagreed; and the second returned a verdict of acquittal. At the time stories of perjured witnesses and bribed jurors were common.

Jesse James, Jr., a son of the noted bandit, with whom Bill Ryan made many a raid, will be tried here on next Monday on an indictment charging complicity in the robbery of a Missouri Pacific train at Leeds, Mo., last September. Kennedy and young James are good friends.

## THE LEHIGH WRECK.

Sixteen So Far Known to Have Lost Their Lives in the Wreck at Dunellen, N. J.—Unidentified Dead.

New York, Jan. 11.—As far as can be ascertained the total victims of the Lehigh Valley collision at West Dunellen, N. J., number 16. Three died during the night. They were two unidentified men and woman. It is possible that one of the unidentified dead is R. Weikel, of Shamokin, Pa. This leaves the bodies of three women to be identified. The authorities of Middlesex county, in which county the accident occurred, are making an attempt to fix the responsibility.

A special train brought a delegation from Shamokin, who will try to identify the unrecognized dead. While the train was passing over the bridge near Pound Brook it ran over and killed James Pond, a carpenter employed by the Lehigh.

## FATAL FREIGHT WRECK.

Two Engineers and One Fireman Killed—Should Have Side-Tracked, But Failed to Do So.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Jan. 11.—Two freight trains on the Rock Island road collided about five miles east of this city at an early hour yesterday morning, resulting in the instant death of Engineer J. W. Taylor and Fireman John Stone of the extra freight, and Engineer John Caldwell of the regular freight. All the killed resided at Valley Junction. The extra should have side-tracked for the regular, but for some unknown reason failed to do so. The wreck delayed the Rock Island's fast train two hours, it being finally compelled to come in over the Milwaukee track from Neola.

## DEATH AS A MINISTER.

A Runaway Couple on the Ill-Fated Train Wrecked at Dunellen Were Going to New York to be Married.

Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 11.—Word was received here last night that George Josephs, aged 17 years, and May Schminkey, aged 18, were victims of Monday's railroad wreck at West Dunellen, N. J., and had been identified by relatives. Josephs died in a hospital at West Plainfield, and the girl was killed outright.

The young couple were eloping to New York to be married, their parents having objected to the alliance, owing to the extreme youth of the couple. Both were of respectable and prominent families.

## CONSUMPTION OF GRAIN.

Rye is the grain most in use in Russia, where 550,000,000 bushels are consumed each year, an average of 307 pounds to each inhabitant.

Denmark uses 320 pounds of rye per capita a year; Sweden, 314; Norway, 234; Italy, 29; Germany, 26; France, 53, and the United States, 22 pounds